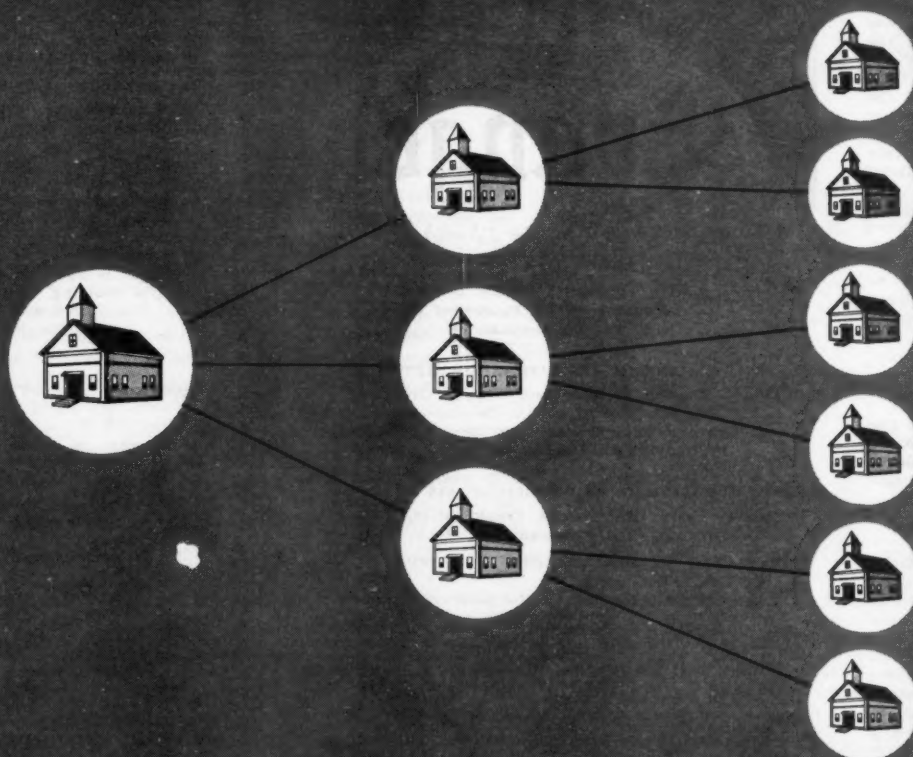


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*Our Sunday Schools are "Branching"*

*Special Sunday School Issue*

# the Readers' response

## Oops! Wrong Picture

To the Editor:

I notice in the 70th anniversary issue a picture of Sister Chambers and a class of Bible school students. The impression was left that this was the first class in 1918. I was one of the first students and was asked by several why my picture was not included. As I recall, the picture you ran was of the second term students, in the fall of 1918, and we are the first ones in the term January 1 through April 5, 1918.

In *Like a Mighty Army*, page 149, you have the details listed correctly.

I was single when I attended the first Bible school, but I married on April 6, 1918, in A. J. Tomlinson's living room.

Before closing I would like to say that I have been privileged to attend all the Assemblies since 1915, and it seems that this one excelled all others.—

Bertha Haynes Norris  
Bessemer, Alabama

We offer our thanks to the former Miss Bertha Hilburn for this clarification. The shame of the error is that we knew better.—Editor.

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## Happy About Wyoming

To the Editor:

We appreciate reading the *Evangel* very much.

In the August 13 issue we read that Brother and Sister Charles E. Mangum are establishing a Church of God in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Our hearts are made to rejoice. We have a son, A/B James M. Johns in the Air Force there. May God bless Brother and Sister Mangum and our *Evangel*. We also hope some day to see in this paper that a Church of God has been organized in Wood Bridge, England.

Marvin T. Johns, Pastor  
Long Island, Alabama

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## Likes "Readers' Response"

To the Editor:

The *Readers' Response* is one of the most exciting features in the *Evangel*—all of the *Evangel* is exciting from cover to cover nowadays. One reason I like *Readers' Response* is the occasional criticism, correction, and

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### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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## Coming Next Week

MACEDONIAN CALL ISSUE

disagreement expressed in the letters. I am glad you have the courage to print these objections to your work. Do you mind telling me how you select the letters that appear in the column?

Louise Kinder  
Birmingham, Alabama

Letters should deal with the "Evangel" and its features. Honest criticisms, corrections, candid observations, additional information on material we have published, and requests for information (such as yours) receive preference to other letters. We welcome all letters and try to print as many as space permits.—Editor.

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## Declaration of Independence

To the Editor:

You slipped up in the Independence Day issue of the *Evangel*! On the inside front cover you gave correct information concerning the Declaration of Independence, but incorrectly stated that the original document is in the Library of Congress. It was there for many years but is now resting in the Archives building.

Richard Horton  
Washington, D. C.

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## Appreciates "Evangel"

To the Editor:

We wish to thank you for the regular issues of the *Evangel*, which we receive and read with interest and blessing.

M. J. Rensburg, Editor  
The Comforter  
Johannesburg, Transvaal

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## 70th Anniversary Issue

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed the *Evangel* so much during the past year, especially the 70th anniversary issue. I enjoyed this one because I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1928 at Wichita Falls, Texas. The Lord called my husband to preach and led us to a place near Paris, Texas. We had prayer meetings in homes and then were able to use the Cotton Wood school for a revival during the Christmas holidays. The Lord blessed us so in that two-week meeting that we were able to continue our regular services until we got a new church built. This is known as the Cotton Wood Church of God. The Lord was good to us then and He still is the same. We have been here as pastor in Tupman, California, for one year, and the Lord is blessing us in our work here.

Willie Mae Coulston, clerk  
Tupman, Calif.

**W**ITHIN THE PAST several years many of our churches have become increasingly aware of the unchurched people in their cities. As a result of this awareness, branch Sunday Schools have been started. Hundreds of workers have been blessed and benefited spiritually because they have actively participated in this program. Many hundreds more persons have been won to Christ and united with the church. A great portion of the churches that have been organized within the past two or three years have found their beginning in the branch Sunday School program. Yet, despite these encouraging reports, it is obvious that more of our Sunday Schools must "branch."

The spreading branches of a tree indicate *life* and *growth*. The tree which does not have the freedom of spreading its branches and sending its roots down deep into the earth soon becomes a stunted tree. Could this not be the cause for lack of growth in some of our churches today? The growth of the church is stunted because it has not "branched."

*Neglected areas must be reached by our Sunday Schools.*

Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" must not be ignored. "Every creature" certainly includes the persons who live too far from our churches to attend conveniently and yet who are without a church in their own immediate communities.

In many instances, the handicaps that keep persons from attending our churches are treated lightly. The thinking "if people really want to come to church, they'll find a way" is not always the case. Many persons would like to attend our churches, but there are no bus lines to bring them the long distance to our church, and sometimes long periods of waiting are involved. Some families still are without automobiles. In cases where there are automobiles, the father may be disinterested, and the mother who is willing to attend Sunday School and bring her children, cannot attend because she can not drive.

What is the answer to these problems and many similar ones? The Sunday School bus? This is one answer, and persons today are attending Sunday School as a result of this. However, the distance covered by a Sunday School bus is limited.

The best answer to this problem is the branch Sunday School. Our Sunday Schools must "branch" in a much greater way than they have in the past if we keep abreast of the growing population trends. The United States Census Bureau has estimated that the population of the United States will increase approximately 65,000,000 people within the next twenty years. It has also stated that eighty per cent of this increase will come in the suburban areas of our cities. What does this mean? It means that the suburban areas of our large cities are providing ripe opportunities for branch Sunday Schools. Many persons occupying homes in these areas have moved from areas where they attended church. Distance becomes a barrier when they think of attending Sunday Schools located in neighboring communities. Actually, many of these persons would welcome a Sunday School being brought to them in their community. These persons are as sheep without a shepherd. As such, they become easy prey to false doctrines which are prevalent in the country today.

Many of our churches could organize a branch Sunday

*Why*

# OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS MUST BRANCH

O. W. Polen

*National Sunday School and Youth Director*

School with very little effort. Such a project would bring new life to the local church and create new interest among the local church members. Of even greater importance is the fact that a church will realize it is providing a great opportunity for men, women, boys and girls in unchurched communities to hear the full gospel and to accept Christ.

If we as a church are to continue to grow, then we must "branch." Every day a church delays starting a branch Sunday School, a day is lost as far as winning souls is concerned; a day is lost as far as planting seed for a new church. Opportunities to "branch" lie all around many of our churches.

Too many of these opportunities are being needlessly lost, and the territory remains unchurched or perhaps becomes the location for the spreading of false or erroneous doctrine.

The branch Sunday School program is God's program. It is in conformity with His Word. May He grant that more of our Church of God Sunday Schools will catch a greater vision and "branch." **Today—in September, 1956—** is the time to do it!



# Relationship of Teaching to Evangelism

By Ray H. Hughes  
Overseer of Washington, D. C.,  
Delaware and Maryland

**T**EACHING AND EVANGELISM are inseparable. Evangelism without the teaching of the Word of God is not enduring. Instruction is basic in any program of soul-winning. This is the beginning point of evangelism. If one does not receive knowledge of the basic salvation truths, he has no real basis for conversion. A man cannot act upon knowledge he does not have. It is true people are never saved by knowledge, but they cannot be saved unless they know the way to trust Christ. "They perish for the lack of knowledge." The truth of God's Word is used by the Holy Spirit to bring about conviction of sin. "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

The Ethiopian eunuch is a good example of the role that teaching plays in evangelism. As the eunuch was returning from worship in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit impressed Philip to join himself to the chariot. Philip approached the man and discovered he was reading from the scroll of Isaiah's prophecy about the sufferings of Christ. Philip the evangelist said to him, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" The man replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" The Scripture was without meaning until Philip began to teach him. Though the Scripture declares that "then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and *preached* unto him Jesus," no one would deny that Philip incorporated a strong element of teaching in his message.

Evangelists today are missing the mark by presupposing that the masses know the simple fundamental truths of salvation. Surveys will reveal that there is an appalling ignorance among Americans concerning the most simple Bible truths. Because of this trend in American evangelism, many ministers have neglected the teaching element of their messages and have resorted almost exclusively to exhortation. As a result, many millions of Americans

give only a passing nod to what they hear. Most of the evangelistic efforts are reaching only those who have been brought up under the influence of the Church, but little is being done to interest the rank outsider who knows nothing of the plan of salvation. Exhortation which tends to advise, warn, and inspire does not appeal to this person; in fact, many times he is only amused by it. If evangelism is to make the inroads into the millions of untaught, untutored, shepherdless souls of America, this barrier must be crashed.

Exhortation is certainly important. This, the Word of God declares (Hebrews 10:25; Romans 12:8); however, true evangelistic preaching must contain teaching and exhortation. They are a complement to each other. Paul, who wrote to the young man Timothy to "do the work of an evangelist," also wrote, "These things teach and exhort."

In my evangelistic work I have noticed that in some campaigns, God gave us a harvest of souls from the very first night; while in other meetings, regardless of the effort expended, the immediate results were not seen. As I reflect on many of these meetings that seemed to be barren, almost without exception, the aftermath of such meetings was an ingathering of souls. According to Apostle Paul this is God's program, "I have planted (taught), Apollos watered (preached and exhorted), but God gave the increase." If an evangelist seems to be successful without teaching, it does not mean that teaching is not related to evangelism. What it does mean is that a pastor, preceding evangelist, or a faithful Sunday School teacher has sown seed in the hearts of the people, and God in His good pleasure is allowing him to reap another man's labors. "And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth," John 4:37.

The relationship that teaching has to evangelism has been almost totally ignored. The misconception that a teacher is a dry, uninteresting intellectual who has failed in the business of soul-winning is prevalent in the minds of many persons. There is no spiritual ministry in the Church that exempts men from the burden of soul-winning, executive or otherwise. That the teaching ministry should have as its main objective the winning of souls was made evident by Christ Himself. Christ was regarded by all as a teacher; yet, His own statement was "He came to seek and to save." "I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Whether at the curb of Jacob's well, across the desk in the tax office, or at a night appointment with a ruler, Jesus was found teaching for souls.

The main teaching agency of our time is the Sunday School. The teaching time in our Sunday Schools must not be prostituted by neglectful, complacent teachers, because more sinners are being attracted to the churches through Sunday School than any other medium. For this reason, a definite appeal to the souls of men should be made, and every teacher should have this goal paramount in his teaching.

It is a proved fact that a good Sunday School teacher is the best helper an evangelist can have. The constant heart-to-heart, face-to-face, Sunday-after-Sunday contact lays a good foundation for an evangelist to build on. This matter of winning souls is like a drama where the evangelist plays the leading role, and the Sunday School teacher serves to guide from behind stage. Results

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# Are the Results of the National Sunday School Contest Lasting?

— 1955 Grand Prize Winner  
says "Yes" —

**Y**ES, SUMITON'S WINNING the National Sunday School Contest has had a lasting effect on the Sumiton Church of God.

When a people band themselves together like a "garment knit with one unbroken thread," and strive for a victory that to all outside forces appears to be the impossible, and they obtain this victory, knowing God has been their helper, it without a doubt has its lasting effect.

Last October, Sumiton, a rural church located in a town of 1,400 inhabitants, a town with a very few city conveniences, notably no trolleys or buses, no sidewalks or even orderly rows of houses, did not seem the likely church to win the National Sunday School Contest; but working close together with a great trust in God, the workers of the church set their heads and hearts to the task and saw God make the possible out of the impossible. When the news of the victory came to the small town, there was not a lot of shouting—mostly tears of thanksgiving. God working like this for a people certainly has its lasting effect, and this victory has infused these people with a greater faith in God that will not soon die but will mount higher, because they knew that it was God who helped them surmount each obstacle. Yes, in the hearts of these people the effect of the contest goes on.

During the contest we had extensive personal work, contacts made with persons who otherwise would never have been reached by Sunday School personal workers. The workers went into homes that greatly needed the church; many of these families are still in our Sunday School. Yes, so much effort here has certainly caused the spirit of the contest to linger on in our church.

As a result of the contest we found it necessary to add a new department in our Sunday School. The greatest increase being among our junior boys and girls, we found our need to be a junior department. This new department has a superintendent, a musician, and four able teachers. Such a lively, enthusiastic, happy group are these people. Surely the contest lasts here.

The news in Sumiton that the Church of God had won a National Sunday School Contest caused a wonderful attitude of the citizens of our town toward the church. It caused them to see us as determined people. When it came to the cause of Christ, they saw us as people dependent on God seeking Him for high heights and having faith that He would help us. They saw us as



Rev. A. N. Lee returns  
from trip to Germany

people who were not fearful to work for God. Had we been satisfied to go on as we were, not entering the contest, but rather drifting during that time in which we preferably labored so untiringly, I'm sure we would not have made quite so many "tracks upon the sands of time." And so, in the opinion of the citizens of Sumiton observing us as we labored, the contest has its lasting effect.

Through the great amount of publicity the church received from having won the contest, it has touched lives that otherwise it would never have had the opportunity to help. People who did not know the church existed, read about our contest and came to see. Here we hope the contest will last on and on.

I could not fail to mention here that the generosity of the National Youth and Sunday School Board and their gracious consideration and kind fellowship toward us have all had a lasting effect. We feel that no matter how small, or unknown, or distant a church may be, it has every consideration from this board.

Another great lasting effect of the contest was procured in the prizes awarded us. The 100 hymnals and chairs we received for being first place B class winner found their place immediately in our Sunday School department. Brother Ellis, who has been Sunday School superintendent for many years, has certainly proved a blessing to the church with the story of his experiences on his trip to Mexico City which he received as a part of the grand prize. The lovely church furniture which was also a part of the grand prize will stand for many years as a memorial of the efforts and the victory of these people.

My trip to Europe was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the flight and visiting Paris, London, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany more than I shall be able to tell.

I was privileged to see much beautiful country. No one who loves lost souls could make this trip and see the multitudes who know nothing of the joy of salvation, without its having a lasting effect.

The pastor and Sunday School superintendent, both  
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*The New*

# WORKERS' TRAINING COURSE PROGRAM

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*Three pastors give illuminating reports on what Workers' Training Course No. 1 (1956) accomplished for their churches.*

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*Workers' Training Course No. 2 (1957)—"The Sunday School Teacher" will be available December 1, 1956.*

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*Rev. P. H. McSwain, Pastor*

*—Washington, D. C.  
Church of God—*

THE CHURCH OF GOD in Washington, D. C., recently conducted the ten-night teachers' training course. The course was taught by the pastor, the Reverend P. H. McSwain. Twenty-five individuals participated in this special course, and all received their certificates. There was almost perfect attendance throughout the ten nights.

The results of this course are already being realized by our Sunday School, and we are confident we shall realize even greater results through the coming months and years. Already there is an increase in attendance, and greater enthusiasm and Sunday School interest are shown. Our Sunday School has been departmentalized, and this system tends to create a greater feeling of responsibility on the part of a larger number of individuals, naturally promoting Sunday School interest and producing better attendance. Sunday School teachers are working out better systems for class organization and methods of contacting their scholars, which is very important in "building a better Sunday School."

All in all, we feel that the course has been very worth while and a valuable asset in the over-all planning of the Sunday School program. Brother Robert Clark is the superintendent of the Sunday School department and has shown a splendid quality of leadership in this work. The use of this teachers' training course by any church having the facilities for it is wholeheartedly endorsed by the group in Washington, D. C., who have taken it. (Continued on page 10)



IT IS IMPORTANT that we understand that the home and the Sunday School share a mutual task. Both are concerned with teaching the child about God, bringing him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and training him for Christian service. Obviously, therefore, it is most important that there be a co-ordination between the home and the Sunday School in this vital work.

Giant industries co-ordinate their facilities closely in order to produce a radio, a car, or an airplane. Much time is spent in planning, promoting and performing. All is pointed toward a single goal: the production of a particular item. It would seem that the home and the church should re-examine the importance of their product. They are to save a soul and undergird a life through proper teaching and training. Their raw materials are boys and girls; their products are consecrated men and women.

Parents are the first teachers of religion. God appointed parents to be genuinely religious and to pass on their heritage of faith to their children. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children," Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

Notice the command, "Teach them diligently unto thy children." God did not intend that this teaching should be accomplished by an unconscious and unplanned influence. He clearly indicated that it should be a planned, purposeful program.

This teaching project quite naturally begins in the home but extends to the church. It is sensible that there be a co-ordinating of the total efforts. Since the home is concerned with the entire or comprehensive Christian training, any phase of the program contributed by the Sunday School serves to undergird that accomplished by the home. The Sunday School simply assists, in a small way, the larger task of the home.

It seems reasonable, therefore, that the home should gladly cooperate with the agency which is seeking to help it in its training program. This may be accomplished by integrating the Bible study in the home with the Sunday School lesson. This would allow a systematic study of the Bible and also a week-to-week preparation of the Sunday School lesson. Thus the home, the church, and the child would be benefited.

It is rather odd to observe many parents being very anxious that their children get their public school lessons, but not at all concerned about the Sunday School lesson. One would conclude that these parents feel that a secular education is much more important than a religious education. We know that it is necessary to receive both if the young person is to be adequately trained. One wonders, however, if it is not much easier to receive the secular training than the religious instruction.

Perhaps there is a need for the parents and the teachers to get together occasionally for a study of their mutual problem. The parents and teachers concerned with the public schools have found such a meeting profitable. Today the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has a membership of some two million. This organization is a tower of strength, vitally concerned in education and educational trends.

If the church and the home could become sufficiently concerned about the problem of Christian education, I believe some similar measure of co-ordination could be arranged between the teachers and the parents. After

# *A Closer Relationship Needed Between the Home and the Sunday School*

*By Lewis J. Willis*

*Editor, The LIGHTED PATHWAY*

all, the parents are teachers, and many teachers are parents; the prime interest of both groups is the education of the child in the precepts of God. Could any project have a more unifying bond?

It is up to those parents and Sunday School teachers who really are interested in the eternal well-being of young people to form such a home and church school partnership. In so doing parents will come to understand the needs and problems of the Sunday School, while the teacher will gain the viewpoint of the home and a sympathetic understanding of the child's needs. Such an arrangement could only bring about a great appreciation and interdependence between the church and the home.

Together the church and the home must assist the child to work out in a practical way those lessons he has learned. Perhaps the home furnishes the greater opportunity for the children to practice truthfulness, kindness, helpfulness, and the like. The church, however, must also share in making those opportunities which will allow the youth to practice social courtesies, missions activities, Christian stewardship, and personal soul-winning.

By joining hand and heart in a concentrated effort, the home and the Sunday School are able to take the infant and continue his training in Christian doctrine and graces from his earliest moments of remembrance until his dying hour. In so doing Christ will have received a faithful and effective witness and the church a pillar of strength.

Kathryn Blackburn Peck in her little book *In Favor*  
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**Veterans Hospital Patients  
Beckley, W. Va.  
Visited regularly by the Extension Dept.  
Workers of the Mullens, W. Va.  
Church of God**

## **EXTENSION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

*—Rev. Oran R. White—*

**I** WAS SICK and you visited me not," has been the inspiration for a very ambitious effort on the part of the Mullens, West Virginia Church of God to promote the ministry of the home department. These pictures by no means disclose the scores of people we actually reach with this ministry, because it would involve the written signature of each student patient in the veterans' hospital at Beckley, West Virginia, for clearance for publication. However, we were able, through the administration, to send you a small group picture for verification purposes. The picture of the workers include only a small portion of those we have or have had in the past two and one half years to help us maintain this work.

Private homes, veterans' hospitals, and tuberculosis sanatoriums have been invaded by our teachers and workers with much success. We use

# **THE MINISTRY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Faithful Extension Dept. Workers  
Mullens, W. Va.**



literature, sound projectors, slide projectors, flannelboards, object lessons, and art in the home department activities. Some of these classes are monthly, some weekly.

We have received recognition from the Red Cross of Wyoming county and the appreciation of the Veterans Administration for our efforts.

Many of the patients in the tuberculosis sanatorium have been allowed to return to their homes since our visitations, and have visited our local church with their testimony of thankfulness for the visitation ministry. A lady in our own town of Mullens who seemed a little reluctant to have the workers visit her and teach her has become a favorite of the young lady workers. She plans now, even though she has been a shut-in for seven or eight years, to be with us in our church services, because of the teachings and prayers of the teen-age girl workers who have been attending her. She is approximately seventy years of age.

Our work continues to grow and we trust to have even better reports, not  
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## "OUR EXTENSION DEPARTMENT"

—Rev. James L. Slay—

**F**OR SEVERAL years a group of men from our church have been visiting the shut-ins around Greenville. They meet here at the church for prayer each Sunday afternoon and then depart in groups to carry on the visitation program.

Nearly a year ago we awoke to the fact that we did not have an organized extension department in this, the largest Sunday School in the entire Church of God. Many of our classes had active visitation committees, and we were doing much work in visiting the sick and hospitalized. Yet, in spite of all this, we were not getting the Sunday School lesson to the ones visited, nor were we keeping an accurate account of those contacted.

Now we do have a home extension department. The men's prayer band has channeled its work into this department and each Sunday contacts more than 1,000 persons with the

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Extension Department Staff  
Tremont Ave. Church of God  
Greenville, S. Carolina

# SCHOOL EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

## "TWO WORKERS VISITED FIVE PEOPLE. NOW FOURTEEN WORKERS VISIT APPROXIMATELY 1,700"

—Rev. David Pitts—

**T**HE MINISTRY OF the home department of the Faith Temple Church of God is an extension of the ministry of Jesus Christ and an enlargement of the kingdom of God upon earth. It is Christianity in action by Christians who are motivated by the Holy Spirit and who have a vision of a needy world.

Our home department reaches into private homes, convalescent homes, hospitals, sanatoriums, prisons and into the Masonic Home for widows and orphans. It is staffed by fourteen devoted workers who make approximately 1,700 contacts each week. This work has been going on for nearly four years and much of it has been like "bread cast upon the waters"; it certainly has brought a wonderful return.

When the worker enters the home, he greets each patient and gives him a copy of the Sunday School lesson with comments and a testimony. Sometimes a group goes along to conduct a service, which is much appreciated by the patients.

The following story was told by one

continued to visit with her for about six weeks. One Sunday while she was visiting in the home, Mrs. Tucker was not so resentful as usual and took the literature. She was feeling very bad this day. She shook Mrs. Wilbur's hand and asked her to pray for her. After prayer, Mrs. Wilbur asked her

## SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Faith Temple Church of God  
Louisville, Kentucky

of the workers. Mrs. Wilbur had been visiting the Bousman Nursing Home for about three months. Each Sunday she would walk by a Mrs. Tucker, a little ninety-two-year-old lady. She would greet Mrs. Tucker and ask her how she was feeling and if she had ever considered being a Christian. Each time, Mrs. Tucker seemed to resent Mrs. Wilbur and would throw the literature back to her. Mrs. Wilbur

to pray and be saved. Mrs. Tucker answered that she did not know how to pray and had never been taught anything about God. Mrs. Wilbur asked her to repeat a prayer after her and believe the Lord. The second time they prayed, the little lady raised her hands and began to cry and praise the Lord. She had found the Lord and was feeling His presence for the first

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# Workers' Training Course Program

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NEWPORT, TENNESSEE CHURCH OF GOD BUILDS NEW CHURCH BUILDING AS  
DIRECT RESULT OF W.T.C. NO. 1 (1956)

*Rev. Kermit R. Phillips, pastor, believes Workers' Training Course will produce a growing Sunday School.*



Newport, Tennessee Church Building  
under construction

**I** CAME TO THE Newport Church of God in July, 1955. The Lord has blessed in a marvelous way this past year. Our Sunday School was growing before we took the workers' training course, but while we were studying it, we realized that much more could be accomplished by putting its principles into effect. Our present

church building does not have the space needed for all our classes. For several Sundays our classrooms could not fully accommodate the people who attended. On several Sundays our youth class had about forty-five pupils in one room. With that many students in one class, a teacher cannot teach them as they should be taught. We

realized that if we wanted to hold our present congregation and gain new members, we would have to have a larger church.

As we studied the workers' training course, it seemed to give all who attended a new zeal to work harder and do all they could to gain more. I really believe every church that sponsors this wonderful course will find it to be a blessing and that it will help their Sunday School to grow. We feel the need of a larger building with a departmentalized Sunday School that will meet the needs of all age groups. Our new church will have a large auditorium and sixteen Sunday School rooms. Our present church has only four rooms. We are now in a building program for our new church. We hope to have it completed by fall of this year.

I believe that every worker in the church and everyone else who will, should take this course. It will help the teacher become a better-qualified teacher; it will help him to understand the students better, thus stopping the back-door leakage.

The Lord has blessed the church at Newport, and I know that He will continue to bless all who will work and who depend upon Him. We desire the prayers of everyone, that God will help the town of Newport to awaken and take a stand for Christ, our Wonderful Saviour.

**I**T IS A PRIVILEGE to express my appreciation for a wonderful book entitled "Workers' Training Course No. 1," which has been a miracle to our church as a whole.

We began the course last January 1, laying out the plans and putting them into action. As our teachers and workers began to study each lesson, some were not very excited about it; but true spirit and enthusiasm took hold and led to a glorious end.

We put our training to a test to see if it would work. We had hardly started when we began to see the favorable results; our Sunday School attendance began swelling to an overflow number. It seemed that there would not be room in the building to hold our attendants, consisting mainly of young people. The total hit the two hundred mark and on occasions reached 265.

After seeing these amazing things happen to us, and knowing that the Lord was responsible, we met every week and discussed what had been learned. Each thing we had learned, we put into practice. Discussing the methods we were learning became a habit with us and we talked them everywhere we went — to the people on the phone, in the homes, downtown, etc.

We began reaping what we were sowing, and we saw that it was good. The course taught our people how to carry on absentee correspondence, how to make visits, and how to entice the people to Sunday School. We became so interested in our work and study that we were bubbling over with joy. Truly the Lord helps those who help themselves.

Prior to our training, our classes contained only five and six persons, but now there are from twenty to twenty-five persons in each class. Some of our classes grew so big that we had to divide them into smaller groups; the men's Bible Class grew from five to an average of twenty per Sunday. The classes that were divided have grown until each is as large as the original. The senior and intermediate classes have doubled since they were separated into age groups.

To those who said it would not work, a bulging record attendance has been shown. The two youth classes average forty persons each Sunday. Since putting our Sunday School on a departmental basis, our junior classes have really become alive.

In some of our teachers' meetings

# *Ravenna, Kentucky Sunday School Tests W. T. C. No. 1*

## *The Results: Growth!*

as many as twenty-four have been present. It makes any pastor proud to attend a teachers' meeting and see it regularly attended by the superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, treasurer, teachers, and assistant teachers, and some members who are interested in boosting the Sunday School.

Last year we began the annual state-wide Sunday School contest in

of the high mark set by our church in the preceding year, and we knew we would have to work hard to beat it.

Everyone went to work, doing his best. When it was over, we were happy and pleased as winners of the 1956 Kentucky Sunday School Honor System Award. As pastor, I received a trip to the British West Indies, and the superintendent received twenty-five dollars.



**Ravenna, Kentucky Sunday School workers receive certificates upon completion of Workers' Training Course No. 1**

which each pastor was to try to exceed the mark set by his church in the previous year. The eight-month contest ran from September 1955 through May 1956, and it was an exciting one for us. We had been proud

Our thanks go especially to the Reverend William Holcombe for his untiring efforts in getting the workers' training course into the hands of pastors who enjoy working.—Willie Cook, pastor.



## GIVING YOUNG AMERICA A CHANCE



## OUR EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

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Sunday School lesson. These men visit the hospitals, prisons, orphanages, and homes for the aged, as well as private homes. In these places they distribute the literature of the Church of God and read to all present the portion of the day's lesson that is the most appropriate.

Time will not permit us to give individual attention to the faithful members of this intrepid group, but we will report that one of the members is now pastoring a new church that has been organized on the Greenville district. This young man received his basic training with the workers in our home extension department. Just now several other promising young men are hard at work in this group. These also feel a call to work for the Lord and find this a wonderful field in which to gain experience for future days of full-fledged ministry.

Not only does the work of the extension department advertise the church and train its workers, but it acts as an important agent in carrying the gospel to the lost and needy. Many testimonies have been given which give credence to this statement. One young lady in the hospital was on the verge of suicide. Just a word of encouragement and a simple prayer from one of our workers changed the whole course of events in this woman's life. She gave her heart to the Lord and just now is serving Him in the beauty of holiness. Another man in one of the chain gang camps asked where our church was to be found. He said he would attend Sunday School as soon as his time was served. The man was true to his word and was here in Sunday School on the very first Sunday of his freedom. At least twenty-three souls have been won to

the Lord through the work of these men.

There is not much glamour attached to the work of the home extension department. The labor has to be done on time that could be spent in other pursuits that might seem more pleasant. God appreciates this sacrifice and will let us know in eternity something of its value and real accomplishments. Some of our people may not see the fruit of their labors, but we must realize that we are sowing seed that will fall on some good ground. He has promised to bless our labor and will not fail in the doing.

## EXTENSION DEPT. ACTIVITY

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just for the sake of reports, but for the wonderful reward we expect to receive in the glorious future with Christ.

I trust this will be sufficient to urge others to emulate this church. May God bless you as you always promote the cause of the shut-in. "I was sick and you visited me."

## EXTENSION DEPT. REPORT

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time in her life.

The next Sunday Mrs. Tucker reported that she was feeling fine, and she praised the Lord for a Christian worker who had helped her find the Lord. The following Sunday the nurse met Mrs. Wilbur at the door and told her that Mrs. Tucker had just died and was a Christian because of her witnessing. One week before, the little lady had hugged Mrs. Wilbur's neck and said, "I wish I could have met you years ago and have known the Lord that I know today."

One soul is worth more than a million worlds and many have been saved through Faith Temple's home department work. Four years ago it started with two workers visiting five people and has grown to fourteen workers visiting approximately 1,700 people. We want the Lord to say, "... I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matthew 25:36).

## A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP NEEDED

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With God and Man gives the following poem. It seems rather appropriate as a conclusion to our discussion.

### THIS IS MY CHURCH

"This is my church!

What peace of soul I here so often find!  
What sweet release from chafing, worldly care!  
Here, with true friends, what fellowship we share!  
Our burdens flee away on wings of prayer,  
And there is blessed rest for heart and mind.

"This is my church!

Here stands the pulpit desk, where through the years  
True men of God have spoken words of light  
And, Spirit-filled, have pointed men aright—  
Up the straight road that leads from paths of night,  
Into the light of heaven—past the veil of tears.

"This is my church!

This tear-stained altar is my sacred shrine;  
Here often have I knelt in earnest prayer,  
Owning my weakness and the Father's strength,  
And, rising from my knees, refreshed at length,  
Have borne with joy the burden that is mine.

"This is my church!

God's sanctuary; God's and yours and mine!  
And countless multitudes through years to come  
Shall meet to worship 'neath its humble dome,  
And it shall be to them a guidepost home—  
A shelter by the way—a light divine!"

## RELATIONSHIP OF TEACHING TO EVANGELISM

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of the Sunday School teachers are not confined to the classrooms but are being experienced in mass meetings the world over. It is my desire that all Sunday School teachers will see more clearly the responsibility of souls and realize the important role they are to play in world evangelization.

Many men have too much will power. It is won't power they lack.  
—John A. Shedd

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.—Adolph Monod

## ARE THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST LASTING?

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having such great experiences to tell, have challenged the Sumiton Church to reach out farther in prayer to help send, as well as train, workers in Sunday School for the ripe harvest fields. Sincerely, I believe it will take eternity to tell of the lasting results of the contest.

My visit with the Lausters in Germany and the fine people that they have helped bring to Christ, was enjoyed more than I could find words to describe. The sincerity I saw in their worship, both in the convention and in the local churches, will live long in my memory. It was a great privilege to preach the gospel to hungry souls, feel the effect of their prayers, and the anointing of God. Also, to know they are still praying for us and for our work has a lasting effect.

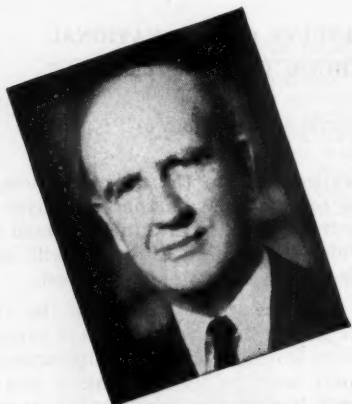
We thank God most of all for this accomplishment and high honor, remembering the Apostle Paul's words, "We are laborers together." That is what the members and friends of this winning church are.

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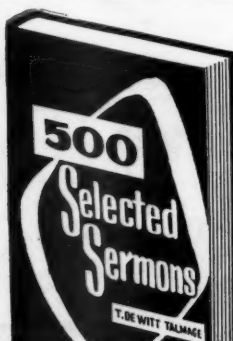
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### Talented Couple Are a Blessing

SYLVANIA, Ga.—We recently closed a revival at our church in Metter, Georgia. Twenty-nine were saved, 19 were sanctified, and 6 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Eleven were baptized in water and 11 added to our church. Brother Jack Matthews was our evangelist. He and his wife were a blessing to our church. He is an accomplished pianist and they are good singers. They will be a blessing to any church.—Daisy Kight, pastor.

### Haitian Pastor Inspires Church

DETROIT, Mich.—God wondrously blessed in our recent revival with our pastor, Brother A. H. Tribble, as the evangelist. Brother LaComb from Haiti was with us in this revival, making us feel an overwhelming urge to do more for Christ on the foreign field, as well as here at home. Twelve were saved, 10 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 added to the church, and 12 baptized in water. The church, which is a new work, broke the record in tithes for the month of July. We praise God for the reawakening this revival has inspired in each of us to be a greater blessing.—Alva H. Grayson, reporter.

### Church Organized in Cheyenne

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—We are happy to report a great revival that has just closed in Cheyenne, resulting in the organization of a new Church of God. Little did the people of Cheyenne realize on June 19, when Brother and Sister Batson and Brother and Sister Charles E. Mangum of Tennessee, arrived, that a church would immerse in just six short weeks. After securing a building in downtown Cheyenne, they started a revival meeting, playing instruments, and singing "southern style." The two couples worked untiringly, visiting over 1,000 homes and telling people about the Church of God. It was not long until people began coming and finding Jesus as a Saviour and Baptizer. We thank the Lord that sixteen were saved, 3 sanctified, and 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. On July 29, Brother Bat-

son organized the church with 18 members. In the afternoon, Brother Mangum baptized 4 men, 2 of whom were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost during the revival. We are expecting the new Cheyenne Church of God to move forward rapidly under the pastorate of Brother Mangum. God has blessed us immensely. There is a large Air Force base in Cheyenne, and the boys are coming out to the services, finding Christ, and telling others about Him.—Mrs. Charles E. Mangum, clerk.

### Revival Closes With Dedication Day

BELL, Fla.—We praise God for a two-week revival in which nine were saved, 4 sanctified, and the church was blessed in a mighty way. Sister Addie Owens from Englewood, Florida, was the evangelist. She is truly a child of God and a great blessing to the people. The last Sunday of the revival we had a church dedication. The church was dedicated free of debt. We also had a dedication of children to God. There were approximately 15 children dedicated. We are praying that the Bell Church of God will continue to be a soul-saving station.—Isabelle Holder, pastor.

### Praises God for Good Meeting

HARMONS LICK, Ky.—We are glad to report a two-week revival with Brother Donald Speck of Kansas as the evangelist. Four were saved, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 5 added to the Church. We praise the Lord for all.—Violet Bryant, clerk.

### Souls Saved and Bodies Healed

CHAPMANVILLE, W. Va.—We recently had a revival with Sister Rachel Williamson as the evangelist. Seventeen were saved, 11 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, 7 healed, and 2 added to the Church. Sister Williamson

would be a blessing to any church. We thank the Lord and give Him the praise for blessing us. We also thank God for sending us such a good pastor. Sister Williamson's address is 662 Glenwood Ave., New Boston, Ohio.—Mrs. Wheatley, reporter.

### Revival Has Good Results

MAYODAN, N. C. — The Mayodan Church of God has just closed a wonderful revival. There were fourteen experiences. We took in three new members, and are taking in two more tonight.—Jady Wright, pastor.

### Twenty-one Converted in Texas Revival

WILLIS, Texas — We have just closed the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God at Willis, Texas. Twenty-one were saved, 13 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. Most of the converts and those that received the Holy Ghost were young people. We praise God for them. Brother Alvis Strickland was the evangelist for the revival and we recommend him to any church for a revival. We appreciate our pastor, Brother B. S. Webber, and his family.—Viola Hartless, clerk.

### Young Men Conduct Successful Meeting

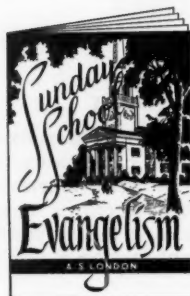
BRUNSWICK, Ga. — We closed a wonderful three-week revival with Brother Robert Herrin and Brother Safo Woods. Ten were saved, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. It was the greatest revival we have had in a long time. These young men are on fire for God. They are co-workers, together with God. Brother Safo Woods plays the piano and they sing. They will be a blessing to any church. Anyone desiring them for a revival can get in touch with them by writing their pastor, Rev. W. J. Cothorn, Jesup, Georgia.—H. A. Wingate, pastor.

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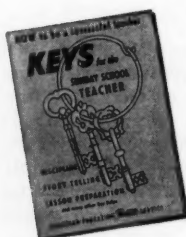
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